

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please amend page 22, lines 15-35 and page 23, lines 1-5 as follows:

In a different embodiment of tyre 1 in accordance with the invention (Fig. 7), the annular reinforcing structures of said tyre are completed with a third pair of bead cores ~~[[12]]~~ 13 at a position axially external to said bead cores 11 so as to enclose the end portions of the turned-up strip-like elements between the bead cores 11 and ~~[[12]]~~ 13.

Said bead cores ~~[[12]]~~ 13 consist of a stiffening element of the bead region acting against bending stresses, but they can also perform the structural function of protective edge, to protect the carcass ply 2 from the rim flange.

In a further alternative embodiment of the tyre in reference, as shown in Fig. 8, said bead cores 11 can be replaced by bead cores ~~[[13]]~~ 12 called "of standard production", i.e. made separately as a semi-finished product and subsequently applied to said tyre 1 after making the carcass ply 2. In this case, to improve the interface between the bead cores 10, ~~[[13]]~~ 12 and the carcass ply interposed therebetween, laying of some coils of spiralled bead core (i.e. coils similar to those of the bead core 10) may be suitable at an axially external position to said ply 2 and axially internal to said bead core ~~[[13]]~~ 12 of standard production.